

Today's Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.
CITY HALL BUILDING.
TO-NIGHT
(THURSDAY) and SATURDAY,
the 28th and 30th December.
Commencing at 9 P.M.

XYLOPHONE & KINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.
Mme. MERANDA and Little LILLY.
In their Clever Xylophone and Zither and
Comic Violin Entertainments.

ADMISSION \$2 & \$1
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform half-price to
Second Seats.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899. [1599a]

AN EVENING CONCERT
will be given
TO-MORROW EVENING,
(FRIDAY), the 29th December, 1899,
in
THE BUNGALOW, KOWLOON.
(Kindly lent for the Occasion by the Hon.
C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.)

In Aid of
THE "MISSUS AND KIDS" FUND.
Under the Patronage of
Colonel RETALLICK and Officers of the
HONGKONG REGIMENT.

Colonel RETALLICK, H.K.R., in the Chair.
By kind Permission of Colonel RETALLICK
and Officers of the Hongkong Regiment,
the Band will play Selections
during the Evening.

TICKETS, \$1 each.
Concert to commence at 9 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained from the Members
of the Committee—Mr. Aiken, Rev. C. Bone,
Messrs. Cumpton, Farr, Jack, Rev. Johnston,
Longworth, Main, McKennie, Muskett, Reid,
Richie, Sayer, Skerchly, Smart, Stackwood,
Dr. Swan and Mr. Willis; and from the Offices
of the Hongkong Telegraph and China Mail.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 30th instant,
at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899. [1615a]

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.'S "NEW YORK"
LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship

"ASAMA."
will be despatched for the above Port, on
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900.
To be followed by
The Steamship
"QUEEN ELEANOR,"
about the 1st February, 1900.
and
The Steamship
"MORVEN,"
about the 25th February, 1900.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899. [1616a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG."
Captain Payne, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 4th January, 1900, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899. [1617a]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT
will be given on
SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,
in the
THEATRE ROYAL,
at 9 P.M.

In Aid of the
SOUTH AFRICAN FUND.

Under the Patronage of
H.E. Sir HENRY & Lady BLAKE,
H.E. Major-General & Mrs. GASCOIGNE,
Commodore & Mrs. POWELL,
and all the
Leading Citizens.

The Booking Office at CITY HALL will be
OPEN on WEDNESDAY, the 27th December,
at 10 A.M. **ADMISSION** \$3 all over the House.

The ENTERTAINMENT will be repeated
on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January. **AD-**
MISSION \$2, to Dress Circle. \$1, to Pit,
Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in
Uniform Half-price.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899.

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by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily
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be open for the fair discussion of all questions affecting
the public interest, it must be distinctly understood
that the Editor does not in any way hold himself
responsible for opinions thus expressed.

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for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock
on the day preceding the day of publication. Advertisements
of a general nature, and those which are not ordered
for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.
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any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is
therefore the best medium for Advertisements. Terms can be
learned on application.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

GOODS
FOR THE
FESTIVE SEASON.

A VARIED COLLECTION OF
ARTICLES SUITABLE
FOR PRESENTS.

CUT GLASS BOTTLES.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR AND
CIGARETTE HOLDERS.

POUCHES, &c.

SMOKERS' SUNDRIES OF ALL
KINDS.

PERFUMES IN ELEGANT CASES.

THE PUREST AND BEST
CONFECTIONERY.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

SCOTCH WHISKIES, IRISH WHISKIES,
AMERICAN WHISKIES, BRANDIES,

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS,
LIQUEURS, CHAMPAGNES,
&c., &c.

OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

CHRISTMAS
AND
NEW YEAR CARDS.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

BIRTH.

At No. 6, Yangtze Road, Shanghai, on
the 22nd of December, the wife of D. PLASCHKE,
of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 18th December, at St. Andrew's
Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. J. Holland-
Stubbs, ELIZABETH (BESSIE), second daughter
of John Chillingworth of Chippinghurst, Oxford-
shire, to GUSTAV GANSLOESEN, Singapore.

On the 22nd of December, at the Synagogue,
Beth-El, Shanghai, by the Rev. J. Sudka,
DAVID, second son of M. Goldmann, of Japan,
to CLARA, eldest daughter of Alexander Sere-
brenik, of Odessa (Russia).—Japan, American,
Singapore, and Russian papers please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

DANGEROUS NUISANCES.

There are many instances of laxness on
the part of our officials which, though
apparently of an insignificant nature in
themselves, are bound to lead sooner or later
to a catastrophe and result in a popular
outcry and much talk as to the utter disre-
gard paid to the safeguarding of the public
in the Colony of Hongkong. We do not
mean to say that those responsible for the
safety of the public willingly wink at abuses
which endanger those whose servants they
are, but, so long as matters go smoothly and
nobody comes to grief, no steps are taken to
remove an existing danger. The Authorities
are always content to wait until the horse
has been stolen before it ever occurs to
them that it might be advisable to close the
stable door.

THE STONE-BREAKING NUISANCE.

One of the principal dangers to which the
public of Hongkong are exposed is that to be
apprehended from the chips of granite
flying from beneath the hammers of stone-
breakers or masons employed on the road-
side. These men ply their calling wherever
a new building is in course of erection, and,
as often as not, are allowed to do their work
on the sidewalk without let or hindrance.
The result is that sharp chips and splinters
of granite fly about on all sides and the
passer by is obliged to run the gauntlet of
a small fusillade of chips, any one of which
may have the power of ruining the sight of
an eye for life. Of course it is seldom that
such an accident happens, but the danger
is there nevertheless, and it is the duty
of the Authorities to see that it is re-
moved. But it is, we presume, useless to
hope that any move will be made in the
matter. We shall have to wait until such
time as an Official Member of Council has
had his eye knocked out by a splinter, then,
perhaps, stone-chipping on the roadside will
be prohibited.

MAN-TRAPS.

In the present transitional stage of Hong-
kong, when the business portion of the
town is being shifted bodily to the Re-
clamation, one cannot expect the new roads
to be in first-rate order, but still, as the roads
have been opened and are of necessity made
use of daily, the Authorities might at least
make an effort to render them as safe as
possible. Take the new portion of Pedder
Street stretching from the Hongkong Hotel
to the sea front. Where it joins the new
Praya there is a sudden drop of several inches
and we have seen not a few persons there,
to the discomfort and danger of the occupants.
All that is required is a few baskets of earth
dumped on the spot and the danger would
be averted, but no, our Authorities prefer to

allow the man-trap to remain, although fully
fifty per cent of those coming from Pedder's
Wharf use this thoroughfare. In many
instances, too, the manhole covers of the
drains and the hydrant covers project above
the new roads and form a veritable stumbling
block after dark. A very little forethought
and energy would remedy this.

MAN SALKER.

MAT SALKER's return to the war was
only to be expected and was, indeed, pre-
dicted by those of the British North Borneo
Company's officers who, from their long
residence amongst the natives in far away
outposts, had learned to thoroughly ap-
preciate the native character. Gentlemen of
precise the native character and race do not
MAT SALKER's persuasion and race do not
old law of an eye for an eye and a tooth
for a tooth is the only one that appeals to
them and, in all probability, the Bornean
rebel did not look upon the pardon mag-
nanimously granted by Mr. COVIE as an
evidence of the desire of the British North
Borneo Company to live at peace with its
native subjects, but as a direct proof of
weakness and fear. At the time it suited the
book of MAT SALKER to submit and hand in his
allegiance, but he and his friends would have
had much more respect for the government
of the Company had they insisted upon his
undergoing penal servitude for life, or expiat-
ing the slaying of Mr. JONES upon the
scaffold. True, he might not then have
met Mr. COVIE with honeyed words, but
a little perseverance upon the part of
the Company would have assuredly ended
in his capture and would have been
considerably cheaper in the end. The
Company must learn to trust more to the
opinions of some of the smart young officers
(several of whom we could name) who have
studied the native character thoroughly and
would be by far the best advisors for the
heads of the Company. One year in the
jungle is worth ten in an office, so far as a
true knowledge of the natives, their ways
and ideas is concerned.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

Natal.

News from Ladysmith, dated 20th instant,
says that General Buller's reverse at the
Tugela was received by the garrison with
equanimity. Everyone is confident that the
relief is only postponed for a short time and
that the town can hold out indefinitely.

News from Chieveley, dated 20th instant,
states that Lyddite guns bombarded the Boer
positions at Colenso for some hours on the
morning of the 20th. The enemy did not
reply. The British force is eager for battle.

Modder River.

The situation at Modder River is un-
changed. General Methuen is well entrenched
and the enemy is not molesting him.

Cape Colony.

Capt. Dalgety with 150 police has oc-
cupied Nordrecht. The Boers are retreating.

General.

Pink eye has appeared among the Boer
horses and also among the horses in General
Gatacre's command. Dysentery is somewhat
prevalent especially at Modder River. Gen-
eral Joubert has returned to the front after
his illness.

Cape Colony.

Evidence is daily accumulating of wide-
spread sedition at Cape Colony which im-
plicates three members of the Cape Parliament.

Natal.

A War Office despatch from Maritzburg,
24th instant, states that Col. Farwell of the
5th Lancers has been severely wounded,
Major King, Captains Watten and Oakes
and Adjutant Hulse slightly wounded also 9
men killed and ten wounded. The despatch
gives no details of any engagement but the
list shows that the casualties amongst the
men are chiefly from the Gloucesters.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—
On the 28th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
fallen slightly in S. China and over the Philip-
pines. Pressure remains high over N. China,
with moderate gradients and strong monsoon
on the coast and in the N. part of the China
Sea. **FORECAST**—Fresh N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Redford* left Shanghai on Friday last
for Chinkiang.

THE *N. C. D. News* says that H. E. Li Hung-
chang will hasten down to his new post at
Canton in order to enter on his duties before
the seals are put away for the new year.

THE *Batavia Nieuwsblad* hears that the
Government intends, in a few months more,
to do away with the "Schutterij" or forced militia
service in Java. Those liable to service will
have to pay a tax. The money thus coming in
will be spent in raising the strength of the
police force.

At Sourabaya, there is a great scarcity of coal
which has become so dear that petroleum re-
fuse is coming into favour as being equally
good and quite cheap. The refuse comes from
the oil works of the Dutch Petroleum Company
in that quarter. Iron, too, is scarce at that port,
and prices for certain sizes and dimensions of
that metal have risen considerably.

THE return of communicable diseases reported
as occurring in the Colony during the week
ended 23rd December, now from cases of
plague and one of all-pox, all of which proved
fatal.

From the publishers, Messrs. Kelley & Walsh,
Ltd., we have received "The China Coasters
1900." This most compact little work contains
a host of information useful to the China
Coaster as to tides, port regulations, signals,
etc., and may be looked upon in the light of a
miniature "China Coast Directory."

THE Annual Meeting of the St. Peter's Seamen's
Church and Mission will be held in the
Kowloon Institute, on Friday evening, De-
cember 29th, when an account of the work of
the year will be presented. The chair will be
taken by the Right Reverend the Bishop
of Victoria at 7.30. Address will be delivered
by the Bishop, the Rev. Francis Flynn, R.N.
and others.

THE *s.s. Wuchow* returned to Hongkong yester-
day with no less than fifteen European
passengers who had been spending their
Christmas holidays on the West River. We
hear that the steamer companies have now
altered their sailings to allow of the whole of
the river being negotiated in daylight, that is
to say, the scenery passed at night on the up
trip is passed in daylight on the down. No-
body should miss the chance of seeing this
magnificent waterway with its endless string of
traffic.

DR STEVEN, the Director of the Botanical Gar-
dens at Buitenzorg, has travelled throughout
Java on an important official mission. He had
to choose out suitable spots on which to start
experimental farms to show the natives how to
till the soil to the best advantage. The plants
which the natives usually cultivate will be
grown scientifically for their instruction at
these farms. The Government meets all the
expense. In short the Government proposes
to teach the cultivating class how to make the
most of the ground under crop.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Samarang *Loco-*
motief complains of Dutch commercial enterprise
flagging in the Moluccas. He has no hopes
whatever of matters improving. He instances
the firm of Tieleman and Dros, whose wares
command ready sale there. Dutchmen were
proud of this firm from its preserved provisions
finding a market abroad, especially at Singapore.
The firm has now passed wholly into British
hands, and its business will be conducted with
British capital. No capital for such a profitable
venture could be found in Holland.

PROFESSOR Koch intends to proceed to New
Guinea and Australia on mosquito-research
upon finishing his in Java. The *Locomotief*
says that the Professor's investigations have so
far proved disappointing there. He had in
that island hardly met with any case of the
malignant malaria with high temperature, un-
consciousness of the brain, and typhoid sym-
ptoms which came under notice in Egypt
and in some districts of Italy, especially in the
months from July to October. But the mos-
quito theory of fever—which, in his opinion,
is the main thing—he thinks to be fully borne
out by research in Java. That theory, in short,
comes to making out that certain sorts of
mosquitoes convey malaria parasites to human
beings. The two kinds of these dangerous
mosquitoes found in Italy are also found in
Java.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

This afternoon a meeting of the Hong-
kong Legislative Council was held in the
Council Chamber at the Government Offices,
there being present: His Excellency the Gov-
ernor (Sir Henry Blake, C.M.G.), the Hon.
J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G. (Colonial Sec-
retary), the Hon. H. E. Pollock (Acting Attorney-
General), the Hon. R. Murray Rumsey
(Harbour Master), the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.
(Captain Superintendent of Police), the Hon. A.
M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. C.
P. Chater, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. E.
R. Bellios, C.M.G., the Hon. J. J. Keswick (the
Hon. Wei A Yuk, Mr. R. F. Johnston (Acting
Clerk of Councils).

The Clerk of Councils read the minutes of the
last meeting.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary proposed the
adoption of Finance Committee Report (No.
13).

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the
proposition was carried.

The Hon. Acting Attorney-General in pro-
posing the second reading of the Bill entitled
The Piers Ordinance, 1899, said that the
Bill had been much commented upon and a
compromise had been arrived at.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and
said that the matter had been referred to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies, who had
replied that he was not willing to abandon the
extra rents to be received by the fact that each case
would be considered on its merits.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios, in opposing the
Bill, said that the Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company had been exempted from the action
of this Bill and he believed that when the
other wharves were brought under his
Excellency's notice they would also be ex-
empted. The hon. gentleman characterised
the Bill as being most unjust, giving figures
to that effect. He pointed out that wharves
were of great public service as regards the
landing of foodstuffs and that the option farmer
paid money into the Public Treasury for the
right of search on these wharves.

The Hon. Acting Attorney-General said that
Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Company of which
the hon. gentleman was Chairman, who had
been on the Committee for the consideration
of the Bill had not objected to the rents to be
charged for the piers as extra onerous. He
proposed that the Bill be read a second time.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded,
Passed.

The Council then went into Committee and
the Bill was read, clause by clause.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios proposed that the
schedule of charges should be reduced by one
half.

The Hon. Director of Public Works pointed
out that the owners of wharves had got a very
poorly investment.

The Harbour Master pointed out the advan-
tages enjoyed by the Hongkong Canton, and
Macao Steamboat Company.

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surprised when he heard that Mr. Arnold had
been on the Committee for the Bill.

The Hon. C. P. Chater said that the matter
had been under consideration for the last twelve
months and that the schedule now under
argument was the outcome of a Committee in
which Mr. Spencer held office. He was therefore
unable to support the hon. gentleman in his
various amendments.

Amendment put and negatived.
The remaining clauses were passed.
H.E. the Governor, before reading the
dispatches he had received on this Bill, said he
did not think the pier owners need be at
all alarmed, as no Government would ever
think of removing an expensive pier without
compensation.

The Hon. Act. Attorney General proposed
and the Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded
that the Bill be read a third time.—Passed.
The Council then went into committee on
the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the
Companies Ordinance, 1877, which was read
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the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordi-
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nance, 1873.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.
Passed.

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third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance
to provide for the summoning of Chinese
before the Registrar-General.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.—Passed.
The Colonial Secretary said he had received
a letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking
for a further postponement of the Bill en-
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solidate the law relating to the carriage
and possession of Arms and Ammu-
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their members from the Colony, they had not
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it deserved. They asked that the consideration
of the Bill be postponed for a fortnight.

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**HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.**

The fifteenth general meeting of the share-
holders in the Hongkong High Level Tram-
ways Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the
Company's Offices. Mr. Hart Buck presided.
The other gentlemen present were: Messrs. C.
Ewens, J. Orange and C. W. Dickson (Con-
sulting Committee); J. Jupp, A. H. Mancell, G.
Stewart, and W. C. Taylor (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your
permission I will follow the usual custom and
take the report and statement of accounts as
read. I am pleased to be able to congratulate
you on a successful year's working, our traffic
receipts showing an increase over last year of
more than \$1,000. To arrive at this result
naturally our working expenses have also been
considerably larger and you will notice that the
account Salaries and Wages shows an increase
of \$1,618.05, and that of Maintenance and Re-
pairs of \$3,599.44. This additional expenditure
has been principally caused by our largely
augmented service, which has necessarily led to
increased wear and tear, especially on our ropes,
two of which were worn out in seven months. I
am pleased to say, however, that our present
rope is wearing much better, and as the makers
at home now know the exact temper of steel
that is necessary we can, I think, look forward
with confidence to our future ropes lasting
much better. Before my adoption of the
report and accounts I shall be very pleased to
answer any questions shareholders may wish
to ask.

There being no questions, the Chairman
proposed the adoption of the report and ac-
counts.

Mr. C. Stewart seconded.
Carried.

The Chairman proposed that Messrs. C.
Ewens, J. Orange and C. W. Dickson be re-
elected to the Consulting Committee.

WAR NEWS.

From Dutch Sources.

A telegram from Pretoria confirms the report that the English have succeeded in capturing a Boer position and their artillery near Lombard's Kopje.

The Dutch and German Red Cross ambulance parties have arrived at Pretoria and were received with great enthusiasm.

2,000 English attacked the Boer position at Stormberg, but had to retreat without effecting anything.

The English Press does not deny Gatacre's defeat. This will encourage the Boers and the Africans in Cape Colony. The English were 3,000 strong, and 12 guns and 4 maxims. Their total loss is unknown as yet.

In the Modder River fight, Gatacre kept his position, and made 200 English prisoners of war. At Stormberg 683 prisoners were taken.

A small party of English troops made a night sortie from Ladysmith, and destroyed a Boer gun. On returning however they lost 60 men.

General White has many men down with sickness. A strong brigade took up a position 5 miles south of Colenso.

After the defeat at Stormberg, General Gatacre's division retreated in disorder, but assembled later on at Sterksfontein.

General Buller has failed to capture Laagerfontein.

THE HAGUE, December 13th. In the engagement with Gatacre's force, the Boers had six guns and they took three guns.

On Monday, Lord Methuen's force attacked the Boer entrenchments near Magersfontein. The artillery of the Boers was apparently silenced at one time, but the Boers suddenly opened a heavy fire upon their assailants and beat them off.

Lord Methuen reports that this action was a general engagement, which lasted from dawn to dusk and that the fighting had extended over six miles. The Boers took forty-one prisoners.

In the action at Stormberg with Gatacre, the Boers lost four killed and nine wounded. Gatacre has left Molteno and has retreated south.

On Tuesday, a part of the garrison of Ladysmith sallied out, and destroyed a Boer howitzer on Surprise Hill, but were beaten back by the Boers with heavy loss.

General White reports that, within Ladysmith, there were thirty patients suffering from dysentery, and that the state of health of his troops leaves much to be desired.

Boers from Ladysmith are advancing upon Worcester to cut General Buller's communications south of Frere.

WAR NOTES.

AN INDIAN CRITICISM.

LONDON, November 29th. In an article headed "Nemesis" the Military correspondent of the *Civil and Military Gazette*, alleges, from private information, that the unreadiness for war in South Africa was due to the firm belief, shared by General Buller, that the Boers would never fight, and that the despatch of the Indian contingent would avert war.

It severely criticises the supersession of General Symons by General Buller, who was a failure as Commander-in-Chief in India, and as Quartermaster-General at Home. The writer has also laid his hand on the staff.

Private letters now to hand, which left Ladysmith just before the investment, point to the state of the staff organisation as being little short of deplorable, and it is openly stated that the loss of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucesters is entirely due to the inefficiency of the staff.

Colonel Hamilton's true position was Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of the Staff to General Buller, and an officer holding such a position sacrificed the interests of the Service by abandoning his true duties.

Private advices from Ladysmith confirm this opinion, and *Nemesis* is apparent both at Elandsburg and in the unfortunate sortie from Ladysmith.

WRINKLES FOR THE WAR. Before the Cavalry Regiments which were sent from India left this country, they were presented with a few very useful little "wrinkles" by General Lockie Elliott, the Inspector-General of Cavalry in India.

One of these was: "Never trust a Boer alive or dead, for nine times he'll do you if he's the former, and is only shamming when he's the latter." The other was to take a large supply of wire clippers with each Corps.

The soundness of this latter hint is at once apparent, for it is not necessary to point out how quickly cavalry could be put out of action and stopped by wire entanglements, or how, for instance, their progress would be stopped by a long chain of wire fencing round a railway.

As to the other bit of advice tendered the horse soldiers concerning the amount of reliance to be placed in a Boer, we have already some telling examples. "Kill him first and talk about terms with him afterwards" seems to be a very sensible maxim. — *Madras Mail*, Dec. 1st.

BETTING ON THE WAR. One of the most remarkable results that have yet attended the universal interest that is being taken in the war, and in South African and military matters generally, is that a large number of people are making and taking bets on the various points of interest that arise as the campaign proceeds.

Even before hostilities commenced, a well-known member of a leading West End Military Club had a large sum, and backed his prediction of the plan of campaign that he thought it probable would be pursued by the Boers; and since then not only his fellow members, but those belonging to other clubs, have followed his example, and if they have a notion as to what the next two or three days will bring forth they back it for all they are worth.

But besides the immediate course of events, there are one or two points that it seems probable will not be decided just yet. One of these is that Kimberley will fall before the assault of the enemy, another that the Boers will not win more than two serious battles, and yet a third that the campaign will be over in six months; and in this connection it may be mentioned that the amount of money laid against estimable Mr. Selous, the famous South African hunter, that the campaign cannot finish inside eighteen months is prodigious.

Of course, it is not only in the West End clubs that bets like these are being made. One or two sporting press barometers have found so many of their clients ready and anxious to do business about the war, that they are obliging them by taking bets upon it. As, however, the bookie is cooler, not only in his patriotism but in his head, it is probable that he will win, and, indeed, from the nature of some of the bets made—one of which, for instance, is ten to one that the British will win all the first three battles—he certainly deserves to.

Working men are betting little on the war, but clerks, shop assistants, medical students, and, more remarkably still, actors, are said to be joining in the latest variation of the war game with hearty good will, and, if they are losing money, they don't appear to mind it.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS TRADE.

HEAVY INCREASES.

The Straits Settlements returns of imports and exports during the third quarter of 1899, have been published.

DOLLAR AND STERLING INCREASES. IMPORTS.

The figures given show that the imports of merchandise into the Colony in the corresponding quarters of 1898 and 1899 were: 3rd Quarter of 1898, \$62,708,246 = £6,074,861, 3rd Quarter of 1899, \$65,889,123 = £6,529,279. Increase in dollars, \$3,180,877. Increase in sterling, £445,418.

EXPORTS.

The exports of merchandise from the Colony in the quarters under comparison are—3rd Quarter of 1898, \$50,583,682 = £4,900,295, 3rd Quarter of 1899, \$59,957,160 = £5,933,257. Increase in dollars, \$9,373,478. Increase in sterling, £1,032,962.

The whole trade has been converted into sterling at the average (demand) rates for the respective quarters 1/11 for 1898, and 1/11 for 1899, but any comparison in sterling is not strictly applicable to goods which have their origin in silver currency countries.

THE QUARTERS COMPARED. SINGAPORE. Imports.

1898: \$46,864,440 = £4,539,993. 1899: \$50,162,161 = £4,963,965. The increase is about \$3,300,000. In tin ore alone, the increase is \$2,671,438.

Exports.

1898: \$37,584,878 = £3,670,098. 1899: \$44,100,478 = £4,355,202. An increase of over \$6,500,000. Tin accounts for an increase of \$3,911,746.

PENANG. Imports.

1898: \$15,335,798 = £1,485,655. 1899: \$15,210,970 = £1,510,301. A decrease of about \$20,000. Tin, however, shows an increase of nearly \$2,970,000.

Exports.

1898: \$12,150,027 = £1,177,033. 1899: \$15,382,383 = £1,522,213. An increase of over \$3,200,000. The increase under tin is, however, \$5,100,420.

MALACCA. Imports.

1898: \$308,008 = £29,213. 1899: \$464,983 = £46,013.

Exports.

1898: \$58,777 = £5,164. 1899: \$564,299 = £55,812. An increase of over \$10,000. An export increase of over \$15,000.

MAT SALLEH AGAIN.

The *Straits Times* of 19th instant says:—There is considerable unrest in the British North Borneo Company's territory, the moving spirit being Mat Salleh, Mr. Cowie's old friend.

Dispute sensational rumours, however, it is not at all certain that fighting has taken place—certainly it had not taken place up to the 17th inst. Writing on that date from Sandakan, Mr. Cook, the acting British Consular Agent, in a letter which arrived this morning, gave no news of fighting having occurred up to that date. In that case, it is not likely that fighting had occurred. Moreover, the Consular Agent stated that Capt. Harrington, of the Police, was eager to seek out Mat Salleh, but that before any active measures were taken, every effort would be made to settle the points in dispute peacefully.

It has been stated that Mat Salleh was, prior to the 17th, in the Tambunan country, with a reported armed force of 400 men, and that fighting had commenced between the Tambunans and the Tejols, but of this the Consular Agent makes no mention. We prefer, therefore, to think the statement is not true.

The Sandakan correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press* says:—

The appointment of Mr. Hugh Clifford to the Governorship of Labuan and British North Borneo gives general satisfaction. One of his first duties will be to settle with Mat Salleh peacefully or otherwise; there is no doubt the latter gentleman is on the "War Path" again, and a force of men have already left Labuan, whilst bearer takes another force, together with some guns, from here to-day. This promises to be the final bout with this gentleman; at least it is to be hoped so. Several District Officers are understood to be in a state of siege.

THE KAISER'S SHOOTING.

The German Emperor did well with his gun when in England. On one day he rode out in Windsor Park, and afterwards joined a shooting party which visited the coverts of the Great Park. To the Emperor's gun there fell 178 pheasants and 328 rabbits. On another occasion the Emperor shot in the coverts attached to Cumberland Lodge, and bagged 69 pheasants and 390 rabbits with his own gun.

THE BRIGANTINE "ETHEL."

A telegram from Macassar dated the 11th inst. states that the steamer *Japara*, reports having taken 12 shipwrecked sailors of the *Ethel* from Tenimber Island. The captain, his son, and the mate, it is said have been murdered.

The Brazilian *Pereira* states that 6 of the sailors of the *Ethel* are from Manila, and that all were arrested by order of the officer of justice.

They are charged with the murder on the 20th of October on the high seas, of Captain Riddell, his son (only 14 years of age), and the mate William Taylor, a Japanese, and a native named Jeno. Also with scuttling their ship. — *S. F. Press*.

COMMUNICATION AT SEA.

An unusual incident happened on the homeward voyage of the Castle liner *Carlsbrok* from the Cape. The English letters sent having arrived before the *Lismore Castle* sailed from Cape Town for home, the captain of the *Carlsbrok*, which was to sail the following day, good-naturedly undertook to deliver the letters to the disappointed passengers of the *Lismore Castle* on the high seas.

On overtaking the *Lismore Castle* the captain had the letters enclosed in a tin box and soldered up. This was put into a flour-barrel, with a pole attached flying a red flag, and having passed the *Lismore Castle* and got well ahead of her, the barrel was dropped overboard, the captain of the *Carlsbrok* Castle, at the same time, hoisting a signal which had been prearranged. The *Lismore Castle* coming up on her course in due time picked up the barrel and so the passengers received their anxiously waited news from home. They expressed their gratitude on their arrival in England by sending to the commander of the *Carlsbrok Castle* a beautiful illuminated address, on which was depicted a barrel floating on the high seas bearing a red flag, the barrel being supported by two pretty sea maidens.

LOVE CHARLES HEREFORD.

HIS RE-APPOINTMENT.

It was definitely stated last week, in November, that Lord Charles, in London, in No. 10, had accepted the offer of the appointment of Admiral second in command of the Mediterranean Squadron. The appointment was now officially confirmed. Lord Charles, who succeeded Rear-Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, will now officially command the Mediterranean Squadron.

Lord Charles's selection for the office was highly praised by Lord Salisbury. Admiral Noel's action, it will be remembered, led to an effectual settlement of the long-drawn-out disturbances in the island. Lord Charles's selection for the Mediterranean command will be welcomed especially by the officers and men of the squadron in question. By a happy coincidence, the senior officer of the squadron is Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher, an officer who is in complete accord with the captain of the *Condor* on all professional subjects.

They are both progressive in their ideas as to naval subjects. This appointment will cost Lord Charles. His naval career, which began so far as the outside world is concerned, when twenty-four years ago, he acted as naval aide-de-camp to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to India. He advanced from the enviable position of an officer of distinction to that of a popular hero when, as captain of the *Condor*, he so pockily took that little ship into the action at the bombardment of Alexandria. After the bombardment he landed, and with a small body of Royal Marines, instituted a police system that was praised on all hands. Thus he won his captaincy, was mentioned in despatches, and gained more honours, official and otherwise, on this one occasion than fall to the lot of most officers in a lifetime.

Lord Charles subsequently served in the Sudan with the Nile Expedition for the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum. Since he became a Rear-Admiral he has sat in the House of Commons as member for York.

DOCTORS' DIFFERENCES.

In commenting on the conflict of the medical evidence, tendered in the case of Stenhouse v. the North Boulder G. M. Co., which occupied the Supreme Court of Perth for several days, Mr. Moorhead said that doubt was the mother of science, and he thought she must have a numerous progeny among the medical profession in Perth. In a recent case one set of doctors in that court had said that a man had suffered from a simple fracture of the arm, and that it had united perfectly, whilst another set declared that there had been comminuted fracture, and that the ends of the bone had been overlapped and set in that way. An X-ray photograph of the fracture showed the latter theory was correct. Continuing his comments, Mr. Moorhead said: "We lawyers make mistakes, but our mistakes are elevated 6 feet high, and we are assisted by a judge and jury, but the mistakes of the medical profession are buried 6 feet under ground, and no one knows anything of them."

UP IN A BALLOON.

Such reports as have been received from those who were watching for the Leonides shower state that the weather disappointed them. The Rev. J. M. Bacon, Rector of Cold Ash, Berkshire, his daughter, and Mr. Spencer, an aeronaut, had a remarkable experience.

The rev. gentleman is a well-known scientist, and he arranged to make astronomical observations from a balloon. The party left Newbury early on the morning of the 16th of November and after an exciting voyage of ten hours, during part of which time the balloon was said to be uncontrollable, they landed near Neath, in Glamorganshire.

PANAMA.

A correspondent learns that the State of Panama, in the Republic of Colombia, has applied for annexation to the United States. It is the state adjoining Costa Rica and on the line of the Panama Canal. It seems already practically to have succeeded from Colombia, towards the government of which the inhabitants are exceedingly hostile. The State Department at Washington has ignored even the receipt of this request from Panama.

"ONE AND ALL."

M.A.P. tells the following story of Sir Redvers Buller: On one occasion he was proceeding to Canada with a regiment of soldiers. Off the entrance to the St. Lawrence River, however, the vessel was enveloped in fogs and delayed, so that provisions ran short. On an islet near by was a station for shipwrecked mariners, and Sir Redvers went ashore in a boat to ask for assistance. When he arrived, he found the stores in charge of a woman, to whom he applied for assistance. "No," she said, "the supplies he for they when shipwrecked, not for such as you!" But this is a Government depot, and we are servants of the Crown?" replied Buller. Can't help it; yew'm not shipwrecked!" Now Sir Redvers thought he recognised the intonation of the woman's last remark, so he at once assumed the Cornish accent, and said: "What! not for dear old One and All, and I a Buller?" "What! yew from Cornwall, en? Buller?" Take everything there is in the place; yew'm hearty welcome!"

WHERE A LONG LIFE IS PROBABLE.

Dr. Below, who has practised for many years as a physician in Guatemala, in Central America, and also in Mexico, consults Europeans who wish for a long life to settle in the tropics. If we may trust the stories of longevity in this region, which has contributed to the *Tigüicla Rundschau*, the sun is the best of all doctors. Northerners go towards the South, says he, in their craving for more light and more warmth—that is to say, for more sunshine. They will find what they want in the tropics, though with two serious drawbacks: one is malaria, the other is alcoholism. He contends, however, that "the former of these evils is only dangerous for those who play with the second." The man who wishes to live long in the tropics ought to be an abstainer from alcohol.

COMMANDERED.

A young Scotsman employed in the Post Office at Johannesburg, who had become a Burgher, was placed in a painful position at the beginning of October. "We were all commanded," he says, "and were told to provide ourselves with guns, ammunition, a horse, and provisions, and to join the Boer forces on the Natal frontier. I had always said that I would not fight against my fellow-countrymen, and so he and his brother fled from the city, and escaped. But all British Burghers were not so fortunate. One fellow who tried to clear out was recognized by some Boers, and was pulled out of the carriage, roughly handcuffed, his legs tied, and informed that when the train left he would be shot. Whether the threat was carried out or not, I cannot say, but I fear the worst!"

GOOD SHOOTING BUT BAD POWDER.

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A PRIVATE LETTER RECEIVED IN CALCUTTA FROM A MEMBER OF THE LADYSMITH GARRISON, WRITTEN ON THE 29TH OCTOBER ON THE EVE OF THE INVESTMENT, WILL BE READ WITH GENERAL INTEREST.

"The Boers have very good guns, and shoot very well with them, and I think everybody on our side was immensely surprised when they opened fire on us at 4:50 o'clock at the battle of Elandsburg. They put their aim well amongst the battery I was near. We should have been very heavily. They have smokeless gunpowder just as we have, and all their guns are manned by Germans."

OOM PAUL AND HIS NEW PAJAMAS.

HE BROUGHT THEM FROM ENGLAND BUT FOR VERY GOOD REASONS NEVER WORE THEM.

Mrs. Krueger is quite as much of a character, in her way as her distinguished husband, the President of the Transvaal. She has a sturdy will of her own, and it is a saying in her own land that, with any other husband in the world but the one she has, she would rule the household. That does not mean, however, that they swing together beautifully. The question of who is "boss" never arises.

Still there are some things where Mrs. Krueger's word is supreme. On returning from his memorable visit to England Oom Paul brought some modern pajamas. When his wife first saw him in them she cried out sharply: "What's that?"

"Sleeping clothes from England," responded the President.

Mrs. Krueger granted contemptuously, and, after a minute of silence, cried out: "You take those off and come to bed in your velveteen!"

Her husband looked at her a moment and promptly obeyed.

Mrs. Krueger is merely a quiet old lady who all her life has been immersed in household cares and the upbringing of children, and who, like her husband, does not lay claim to culture and has probably never felt the want of it. She is Mr. Krueger's second wife; his first lived but nine months after marriage. The present Mrs. Krueger is somewhat younger than her husband, who has borne him sixteen children, eleven of whom are living, including five daughters. There is now quite a large clan of President Krueger's descendants.

In the small, unpretentious house used as the presidency, domestic habits are very simple. Mrs. Krueger and her wife are still very early risers. It is said Oom Paul is never in bed after 5 o'clock. Before 6 divine service is held, the whole household being present and the President conducting. Then the morning coffee is served, frequently on the verandah. — *New York Herald*.

GEORGE V. WEIGAND DISAPPEARS.

The following, taken from the *N. Y. World*, refers to an old time resident of Shanghai, and doubtless he will be remembered by many. — Port Chester, Nov. 2. — George V. Weigand, one of the wealthiest men of East Port Chester and prominent in society, disappeared on Monday. He left a note in which he gave his entire estate, which is large, to a sister in New York. Friends believe he has gone to China, where he was once employed as a pilot by the Chinese Emperor on a boat that was hunting pirates.

Mr. Weigand, who is forty years old, is a son of the late Philip Weigand, one of the foremost business men of East Port Chester.

When Weigand was a boy he ran away and went to sea. He went to China, where he obtained employment as pilot of a cutter used in the war against pirates. While on an expedition Weigand's boat was blown up and most of those aboard perished.

Weigand was seriously mangled and the Emperor removed him to his home. After several months of intense suffering Weigand recovered. He returned to East Port Chester. His father gave him a share in his large business. Weigand made considerable money. He was a bachelor and prominent in club life. He was noted throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties for his fine horsemanship. He drove thoroughbreds and won races on local tracks.

After the death of his father, George was made executor of the estate. He drove to Charles H. Benedict's stables in Port Chester on Monday morning and told Benedict that he would send a messenger with a written order for the team later.

When Miss Annie Weigand opened her brother's safe on Tuesday morning she found a note addressed to her in the order book. Weigand wrote that had he gone away and would never return.

"We will meet in Heaven," the note continued. He wrote that she could take possession of all his property when Weigand was last seen he was perfectly rational. His accounts are all right. His friends cannot understand his action.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

Captain Bradley, of the steamship *Kutsang*, from Java ports, reports:—Light northerly winds and fine weather.

Captain Hodgins, of the steamship *Hainan*, from Swatow, reports:—Fresh N.E. winds, cloudy and overcast throughout.

Captain Stalkes, of the steamship *Kwong-sang*, from Wuhu, reports:—Wulu to Hieshans light easterly winds, dull and overcast; Hieshans to Turnabout light variable winds and foggy weather; Turnabout to port fresh N.E. wind and rough sea.

Captain Passmore, of the steamship *Thales*, from Coast Ports, reports:—From Foochow to Amoy light variable winds, smooth sea, overcast and dull weather. From Amoy to port strong N.E. monsoon, considerable sea, cloudy and dull weather. Vessels in Amoy:—*Kwiyang* and *Acama*.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER. Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer..... 30.181
Thermometer..... 62.4
Humidity..... 63.4
Rainfall..... 0.985

YESTERDAY. WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 5 p.m. day: Barometer..... 30.23
Thermometer..... 67
Humidity..... 85
Rainfall..... 0.02

TO-DAY. Thursday, 28th December, 1899. Chinese—26th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 37min.
Set..... 5hr. 20min.
High water—Morning..... 5hr. 18min.
Afternoon..... 5hr. 9min.
Low water—Morning..... 6hr. 11min.
Afternoon..... 6hr. 37min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1851—Great fire in Hongkong; 472 houses destroyed.
1857—Canton bombarded by Allied forces of Great Britain and France.
1879—Tay Bridge disaster; 70 lives lost.
1883—Loss of the *Titanic* with 280 lives.

TO-MORROW. Friday, 29th December, 1899. Chinese—27th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 37min.
Set..... 5hr. 21min.
High water—Morning..... 5hr. 21min.
Afternoon..... 5hr. 37min.
Low water—Morning..... 6hr. 3min.
Afternoon..... 11hr. 0min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1170—Murder of Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.
1809—W. E. Gladstone born.
1843—Gwalior, the "Gibraltar of the East" taken by the British.
1848—The Pope Deposed by the Roman Assembly.
1850—2nd Kafir War commenced.
1854—The Taipings blocked the Canton river and defeated the Imperialist fleet at Whampoa.

1857—Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the British and French forces.
1898—Steamer *Glenn* totally lost, 30 miles south of Hongkong, homeward bound.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

9 p.m.—Miss Meranda's Xylophone and Kinematograph Entertainment, at St. Andrew's Hall.

TO-MORROW.

Cargo ex *Massilia* subject to rent.
2.45 p.m.—Auction sale of household furniture at No. 9 Queen's Gardens, Peak Rd., by Geo. P. Lamert.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Futami Maru* leaves for Sydney, and Melbourne.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Awa Maru* leaves for Marseilles London and Antwerp.
9 p.m.—Concert at the Dungalow, Kowloon, in aid of the "Missus and Kid's" Fund.

SATURDAY, 30th.

Noon.—The steamship *Lightning* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
N. P. R. steamer *City of Dublin* leaves for Victoria and Tacoma.
Football—Shield Tie—H.K.F.C. v. 25th Coy S. D. R. A.
4 p.m. Football—Association match, Civilian v. Army and Navy in aid of the South Africa Fund.
9 p.m. Mme. Meranda's Xylophone and Kinematograph Entertainment, at St. Andrew's Hall.

Cargo ex *Bengale* subject to rent.

SUNDAY, 31st.

California and Oriental Co's steamer *Carlisle* City leaves for San Diego.

MONDAY, 1st.

Bank holiday.
Athletic sports at Quarry Bay.
Cargo ex *Hitachi Maru* subject to rent.

TUESDAY, 2nd.

4-6 p.m.—H.E. Lady Blake "At Home," at Government House.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd.

3 p.m.—Auction sale of inland lot 1,574, Judd's Bazaar, East Point, at P.W.D. offices.

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GEO. L. TOMLIN,
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1569a]

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1560a]

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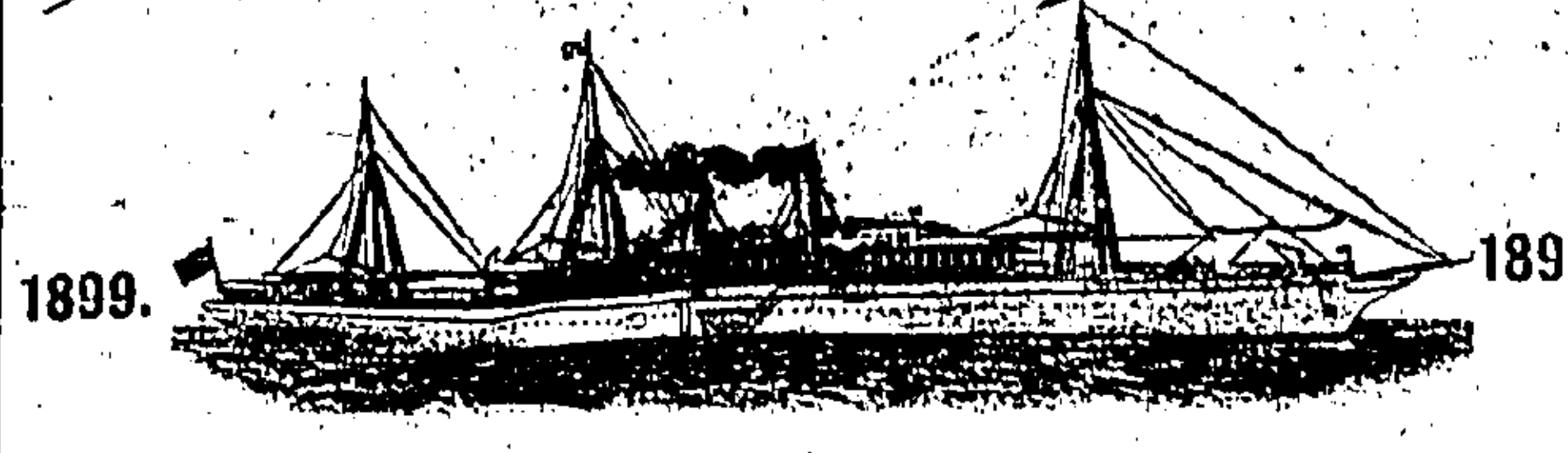
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.



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THE Steamship
"PARRAMATTA"
Captain A. Symonds, R.N.R., carrying Her
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this
for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th
January, 1900, at Noon, taking Passengers and
Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay with Transshipment.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1561]

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STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 20th Jan. 1900, at Noon.
Gothic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 13th Feb. 1900, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 10th Mar. 1900, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"COPTIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,
on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at
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(or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed
a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

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the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
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United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.

S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1562]

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STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
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Saint Louis... 3,877 | W. Atter... Jan. 6.
City of Dublin... 3,328 | J. R. Kae... Jan. 12.
Broomfield... 3,567 | G. E. Elliott... Jan. 20.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on
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Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of
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Rates of Passage to other points on application.
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Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Points, and to Canadian and United
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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and, one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-
land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of
the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day
previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [14]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

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HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO, THE
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and
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Strathgyle... 5,023 | about Jan. 10
Carlisle City... 3,002 | about Jan. 10
Belgian King... 3,379 | about Jan. 20
Curmawthshire... 2,929 | about Jan. 31

THE Steamship
"STRATHGYLE,"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA
KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th January.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point
in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages
will be received at the OFFICE until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo des-
tined to points beyond San Francisco, should be
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the
Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, China and Japan
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1563]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
AWA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	TO-MORROW, 29th Dec., at Noon.
FUTABA MARU	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	TO-MORROW, 29th Dec., at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 14th January, at Noon.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
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Hongkong, 27th December, 1899.

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(Freight Service.)

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	12th January.
Burmester	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 22nd January.
SARNIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 22nd January.
Fuchs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st January.
SILESIA	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	January.
Behrens	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th February.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	February.
Madsen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th February.
HOLSTEN	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	February.
Bahle	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February.

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AMAZING SUPERSTITION IN TRIPOLI.

Letters from Tripoli report an amazing state of affairs consequent upon the "report" that the end of the world was to come on the 13th of November. The Israelites sent their wives to pray in the synagogues, and most workmen ceased work. The Arabs marched through the town in processions, headed by marabouts carrying the standards of the mosques and firing their guns. Debtors refused to pay their debts, so that trade was almost paralysed. The announcement that the end of the world was at hand produced some effect at Tunis also, though not to an extent to be compared with Tripoli. One of the cases before the Tunisian court was that of an Arab who sued a Jew for a small sum of money. The debtor acknowledged the debt, but asked for fifteen days' delay to pay it. The Arab refused to grant the delay on the ground that the world would be destroyed before it expired. The judge sent the debtor to prison.

WHAT A MODERN HOWITZER IS.

(Morning Star.)

The 6-inch howitzer which will be included in the equipment of the siege train for the Boer forces at Pretoria is a strong short gun for throwing high explosives with safety to the thrower. No other gun is so safe with lyddite shells.

It is made entirely of steel, of three thicknesses, and its total length is 94 inches. Its weight is 30cwt., and it is fired either from a carriage, or from a solid platform made of oak baulks tied with steel.

THE RECOIL BUSFERS.

The howitzer carriage has a cradle fitted with hydraulic buffers, which limit the recoil of the gun to about 18 inches, and which possess springs to return it to the firing position after it has been discharged. The cradle is of steel, and the gun slides in its upper part. The carriage is elevated by a hand wheel, and the carriage permits it to be fired either point blank or at an angle of 35deg., while when it is removed from its carriage and placed on a platform it may be fired at an angle of 70deg. TO DROP SHELLS.

Its use is to drop those terrible lyddite shells perpendicularly on the heads of the enemy.

The projectiles used are conical, of cast steel, weighing 11lb., and lyddite shell, which weighs 22lb. The latter projectile is of forged steel, but this has not yet been passed. The cartridges which are used consist of a 14 oz. bundle of cordite which may be fired either by friction tube or by an electric exploder—an electro magnet with an armature of the Siemens's shuttle type wound with a single coil of wire.

At a range of 5,200 yards and at an elevation of 42 deg. the flight of the shell would be only half a minute with the full charge of cordite. The lyddite shell contains 19lb. of lyddite.

There are ten men to load and fire each gun, and the limber carries a great assortment of tools. A lifting-jack, a maul, axes, buckets, handspikes, a box of Russian tallow, are only a few of the things that the howitzer needs.

THE COAL INDUSTRY IN CHOTA NAGPUR.

IMMENSE MINERAL RESOURCES.

The following interesting particulars in connection with the steadily increasing importance of the coal mining industry in the Chota Nagpur Division are given in the Annual Report of the Commissioner: "Coal mining," he writes, "is at present confined to the subdivisions of Giridih and Gobindpur, in the Hazaribagh and Manbhum districts, respectively, as these are the only parts of the division where the coal measures are accessible by rail. But with the opening of the Daltonganj-Baron Railway, on which work is now in progress, the Palamud coal-fields will become available for use; while the projected line up the Damuda valley, the necessity for which has so often been pressed upon Government by the local officers and the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, would throw open the resources of the valuable Kamakuru coal measures and of other parts of the interior of the division which are now inaccessible. In this connection I would draw attention to the great activity apparent at present in developing the coal industry in this part of the country. During the past year, with the sanction of the Board of Revenue, I have granted two important coal concessions in the Pachet Encumbered Estate in Manbhum to the Equitable Coal Company, Limited, and another, comprising the coal-fields in the Katras Estate, in the same district, to two new Companies, viz. the Nawagarh Coal Company and the Lutchpur Coal Company, lately formed for the purpose by Messrs. Bird and Company of Calcutta. Another application by the Bengal Coal Company for the grant of the coal-mining rights in thirty-five other villages in the Manbhum district has since been filed, and I may mention as a noticeable fact that this concession is only asked for in prospect of the part of the country where these villages are situated being opened up by a railway, and one stipulation made is that the annual payment of the minimum rate of royalty to be fixed under the lease is to be deferred until the coal-fields have in this manner been rendered accessible. Many other similar cases may be cited to show the desirability of opening up the interior of the Chota Nagpur Division, by improved means of communication, with a view to the proper development of its immense mineral resources.—Advocate of India.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

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Butt & Co.
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Bourreau, G.
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Pierce, Mrs. D.
Pierce, Rev. H. C.
Palley, Mrs. H. H. L.
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Gohde, Mrs. G.
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Goldshly, S.
Hudson, L. A. K.
Heinszen & Co., C.
Hesketh, S. B.
Harrison, W. H. C.
Havitt, Maria
Hold, J. G.
Heward, J. C.
Haimovitch, E.
Hague, Mrs.
Hill, Mrs.
Hardwin, C.
Hedgocin, S.
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Forsyth, G. G. S.
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Hongkong, 7th October, 1899. [12811]

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [133]

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F. KIENE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1899. [16111]

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain S. Nelson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon, and not at previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1899. [13764]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"TAMSUI MARU,"
Captain Sobajima, will be despatched for the above ports, on TUESDAY, the 2nd January, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1899. [13139]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"AFRIDI,"
will be despatched for the above Port about the middle of January, 1900, and will be followed by "BIRCHTOR" and "ST. REGULUS."
For Freight apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [15034]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR GENOA AND MARSEILLES.
THE Company's Steamship
"TROCAS,"
Captain Moses, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January, 1900.
For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1899. [16122]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON.
THE Company's Steamship
"COWRIE,"
Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st January, 1900.
For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1899. [16134]

Shipping.
STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
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1,500 Tons Gross, Captain J. Thom, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, at 4 P.M.
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [15874]

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. [15284]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [15384]

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Captain Somerville, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th January.
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [15984]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"INDRAVELLI,"
Captain Craven, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 18th January, 1900.
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [15844]

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